

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claim 6 and add new claims 7, 8, and 9. The claims as amended are as follows:

6. (Amended) The imaging system of any of [claims 1 to 5,] claims 1 to

2 wherein:

the infrared light irradiating means, the imaging means and the image processing units are provided in an automobile;

the infrared light irradiating means radiates the infrared light outside the automobile and the imaging means images the outside of the automobile.

7. (Newly Added) The imaging system of claim 3 wherein:

the infrared light irradiating means, the imaging means and the image processing units are provided in an automobile;

the infrared light irradiating means radiates the infrared light outside the automobile and the imaging means images the outside of the automobile.

8. (Newly Added) The imaging system of claim 4 wherein:

the infrared light irradiating means, the imaging means and the image processing units are provided in an automobile;

the infrared light irradiating means radiates the infrared light outside the automobile and the imaging means images the outside of the automobile.

9. (Newly Added) The imaging system of claim 5 wherein:

the infrared light irradiating means, the imaging means and the image processing units are provided in an automobile;

the infrared light irradiating means radiates the infrared light outside the automobile and the imaging means images the outside of the automobile.